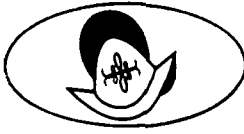


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LAW DEPARTMENT

October 27, 1986

Mr. Joseph DeVouno (5ME-12)  
Waste Management Division  
United States Environmental  
Protection Agency  
Region V  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Steve Martell, David Head, NE IL & NW IN

Dear Mr. DeVouno:

We formally acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17, 1986, which was received by our Chicago Heights Plant on October 23, 1986.

We have commenced an investigation into the matter to determine the nature of our involvement, if any, with Martell, Head, or the subject sites or organizations. We do not expect to be able to complete this search within the thirty (30) day time limit you have imposed. We believe we can complete the search by December 12, 1986. We, therefore, request that our time to answer be extended to December 12th. If there is any problem in that regard, please let us know.

Any further correspondence in this matter should be directed to my attention at the address on this letterhead. That will help prevent delays in our handling of any such correspondence.

DeSoto is a responsible corporate citizen. You may be assured of our attention to this matter and of our continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Vincent A. Mietlicki  
Attorney

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cc: C. R. Fields - ARC  
K. P. Flaks - Chicago Heights  
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